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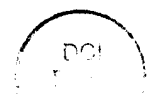
Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

I would like to ask your help and cooperation in establishing a more uniform policy with regard to the reporting and handling of allegations of potential criminal civil rights violations against federal law enforcement personnel. To this end, this letter is to ensure that all federal law enforcement agencies are apprised of, and will follow, established procedure to address criminal civil rights allegations made against their personnel.

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of this Department is the office responsible for the supervision of the investigation and prosecution of all violations of the Federal criminal civil rights statutes. Because the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is the primary investigative agency with respect to all Federal criminal civil rights investigations, the FBI is ordinarily responsible for the conduct of such investigations.

When any Federal law enforcement agency becomes aware of an allegation of a potential federal criminal civil rights violation against any of its employees (e.g., allegations of excessive force, coerced confession, false arrest, etc.), that agency shall promptly advise either the Chief or one of the three Deputy Chiefs of the Criminal Section of this Division of the allegation. If these individuals decide that a criminal investigation should be conducted, they will request, in all but unusual circumstances, that the FBI conduct that investigation. Should it be determined that an administrative, rather than a criminal, inquiry is warranted, that will be conducted by the affected agency. This has been the procedure put into effect by memoranda

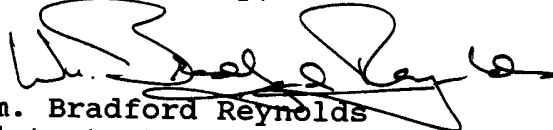


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of understanding between this Division and the appropriate internal affairs offices of some federal law enforcement agencies. I believe that this procedure has worked well and henceforth should be followed by all federal law enforcement agencies.

I will appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wm. Bradford Reynolds', written over a horizontal line.

Wm. Bradford Reynolds
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